REVELATIONS,

CHAP. II.

1. THESE things being ended, the chief miniſter aroſe and ſaid, The king and his houſehold require more money to ſupport their ſplendour.

2. And behold a young man called FRANCIS, of a wiſe and upright mind, lifted up his voice and ſaid, "Why will ye again grind the faces of the poor, ſeeing that the king's revenue is exceeding great? therefore, I beſeech thee, tax them not again."

3. But the voices of the miniſter and the corrupt men of the Sanhedrim, prevailed, and the decree went forth to tax all the land.

4, And all the lands, and the houſes, and property were taxed; and every horſe, and every mule, and the young and the old, and even the very *dogs* were taxed.

5. And the food, and the raiment, and every thing that the earth yieldeth, was taxed, and becauſe they ſaid the king's wants were exceedingly urgent, even the light of Heaven was alſo taxed.

6. Now the words of FRANCIS diſpleaſed the miniſter, who ſaid unto his fellows, "This man muſt not ſit amongſt us, for he expoſeth our doings, and pleadeth for the people." So it was decreed, that FRANCIS ſhould no longer remain in the Sanhedrim.

7. Now in the abſence of FRANCIS, the chief miniſter again exclaimed, "See ye not, that by reaſon of the general abundance, and the great plenty of corn in the land, the people will wax wanton, and be rebellious; I pray ye, therefore, to decree, that the ſhips of the merchants may carry the grain into foreign countries."

8. And the Sanhedrim hearkened unto his voice, and the decree went forth unto all the coaſts, and the corn roſe, and the bread roſe, and the people were ſorely oppreſſed, and murmured exceedingly.

9. Then the Pittites and their friends, when they beheld the diſtreſſes of the poor, cried aloud and ſaid unto the tax-gatherers, "Fear not, and ſpare not, for it is only by their poverty that this ſtiff-necked people can be held in ſubjection."

10. Now the day of election drew nigh, and all the people reſorted to the place of polling, and when they ſaw FRANCIS, they leaped and ſhouted for joy, and ſaid, "We will ſend again this man to the Sanhedrim; if peradventure he may yet by his wiſdom ſave us and our country from utter ruin."

11. But William, the baker, ſaid, "Not ſo, but chooſe ye George the Money-changer: and immediately there was a great cry raiſed by the Contractors, Loan-mongers, and Jobbers, and all thoſe who fatten upon the ſpoils of the Country in the day of trouble."

12. And William ſaid to his fellows, "See ye not, that if FRANCIS is choſen, the door of corruption will be ſhut againſt us, and we ſhall no longer be able to keep the people in bondage." Moreover, he ſaid, "We must open our purſes;" and looking towards the Treaſury, his heart gladdened, for he knew the powers and the ſweets thereof.

13. But when the day of polling came, the people with one accord cried out, "FRANCIS FOR EVER!" and many honorable women waving their handkerchiefs, joined their voices alſo, and hailed him as the deliverer from oppreſſion.

14. Now William being a man of *great ſubtlety*, ſaid privily to his fellows, "Let us ſend forth our emmiſſaries to every office, and to every perſon who eateth of the king's bread, and command them to vote for the creature whom we have ſet up. Let us alſo blacken and villify the character of FRANCIS, that the people may not hearken unto him."

15. And lo! becauſe FRANCIS had fulfilled the commandment, by viſiting the ſick and in priſon, all the Pittites cried out againſt him and ſaid, "Behold a mover of ſedition, and the friend of traitors!" Howbeit, the people would not be deceived, and they ſhouted the more vehemently, "FRANCIS FOR EVER!"

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